

DEMOGRAPHICS & SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

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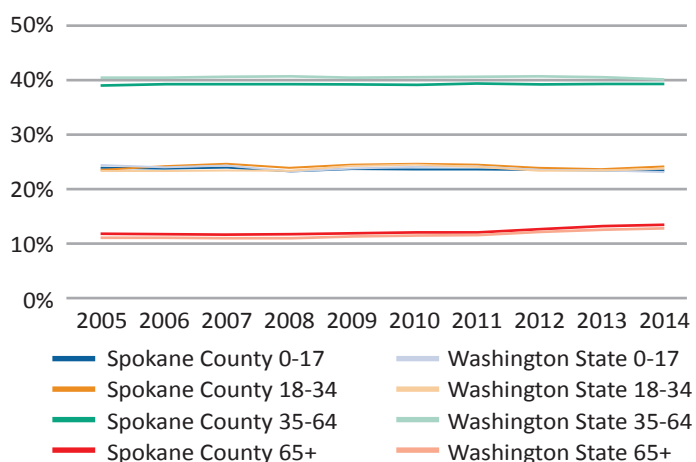
POPULATION

Spokane County is located along the central portion of the eastern edge of Washington state. Spokane County was the fourth most populous county in the state in 2014 with 484,500 individuals¹. This accounts for 7.0% of the state's population. The city of Spokane was the second most populous incorporated city in the state with 212,300 individuals. The city of Spokane accounts for 43.8% of the county population with another 27.3% living in other incorporated municipalities and 28.9% living in unincorporated areas in Spokane County. Spokane County has the eighth highest population density in the state (out of 39 counties) with a density of 275 individuals per square mile.

In 2014, seniors made up the smallest proportion of the population. Spokane County had similar proportions by age group to the statewide proportions. Over the last decade, the proportion of the population younger than 18 years of age decreased approximately 2%. The proportion of the population aged 65 years or older increased approximately 2%.

	Spokane County	Washington State
0-17 years	22.9%	22.8%
18-34 years	24.4%	23.3%
35-64 years	38.2%	39.8%
68+ years	14.5%	14.0%

Population by Age Group Over Time



Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management, Accessed from the Spokane Community Indicators website, www.communityindicators.ewu.edu

¹ The source of population estimates by age and sex are from Washington State Office of Financial Management.

Spokane County is not racially diverse. Among county residents in 2013, 89.6% were white, 3.8% were of two or more races, 2.4% Asian, 2.2% black, 1.0% American Indian/Alaska Native, 0.4% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander. Statewide, the population is somewhat more racially diverse. Residents of Hispanic ethnicity comprised 5.0% of the Spokane County population (24,129) and 11.9% of the statewide population. Hispanics are included in all race categories in the following table.

Residents who reported two or more races on the 2013 U.S. Census Bureau are identified by those races in combination with another.

Population by Race Alone, Spokane County, 2013

	Spokane County	WA State
Total:	479,398	100%
White	429,532	89.6%
Black	10,380	2.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	4,756	1.0%
Asian	11,406	2.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1,925	0.4%
Some Other Race	3,412	0.7%
Two or More Races	17,987	3.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013

Population by Race Alone or in Combination¹, Spokane County, 2013

	Spokane County	WA State
White	445,826	93.0%
Asian	16,064	3.4%
Black	15,325	3.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	14,755	3.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3,933	0.7%
Some Other Race	4,286	0.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013

¹ "The race concept 'alone or in combination' includes people who reported a single race alone (e.g., Asian) and people who reported that race in combination with one or more of the other race groups (i.e., white, black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and Some Other Race). The 'alone or in combination' concept, therefore, represents the maximum number of people who reported as that race group, either alone, or in combination with another race(s). The sum of the six individual race 'alone or in combination' categories may add to more than the total population because people who reported more than one race are tallied in each race category."

Population Estimates of Cities and Towns, Spokane County 2014 - Count and Percent

City/Town	Count	Percent
Spokane County	484,500	100%
Unincorporated	139,904	28.9%
Incorporated	344,596	71.1%
Airway Heights	7,970	1.6%
Cheney	11,310	2.3%
Deer Park	3,870	0.8%
Fairfield	615	0.1%
Latah	195	0.0%
Liberty Lake	8,675	1.8%
Medical Lake	4,965	1.0%
Millwood	1,785	0.4%
Rockford	470	0.1%
Spangle	280	0.1%
Spokane	212,300	43.8%
Spokane Valley	92,050	19.0%
Waverly	111	0.0%

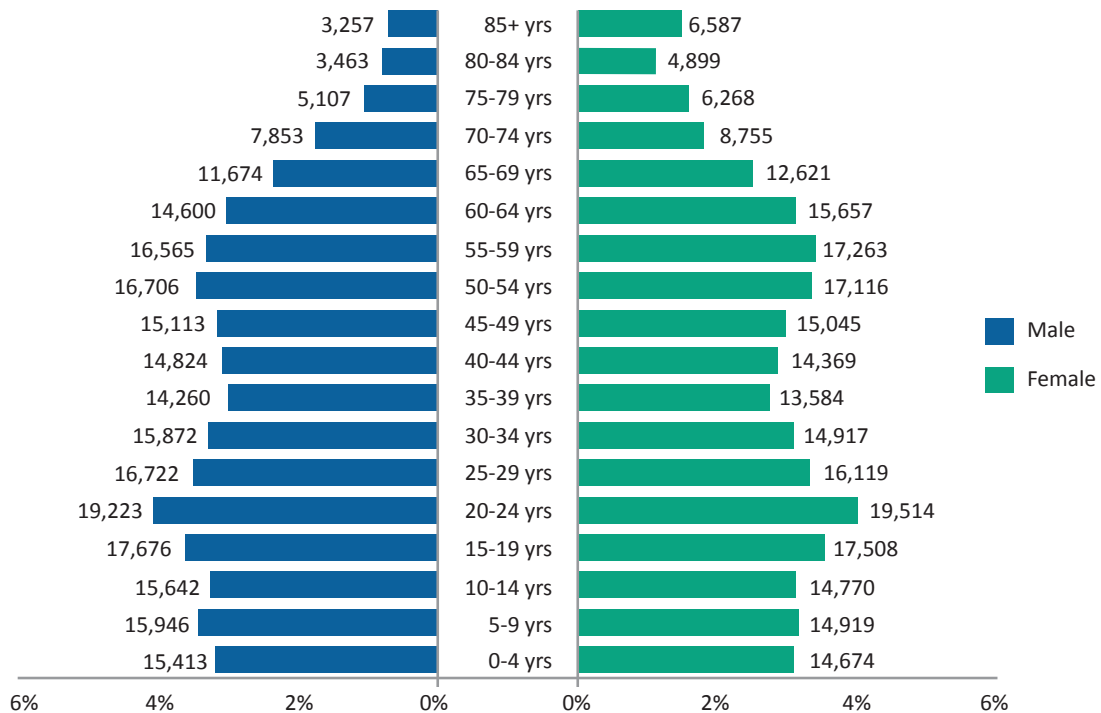
Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management, Postcensal estimates, 2014

Population by Age and Sex, Spokane County, 2014

Age	Total	Male	Female
0-4	30,087	15,413	14,674
5-9	30,865	15,946	14,919
10-14	30,412	15,642	14,770
15-19	35,184	17,676	17,508
20-24	38,737	19,223	19,514
25-29	32,841	16,722	16,119
30-34	30,789	15,872	14,917
35-39	27,844	14,260	13,584
40-44	29,193	14,824	14,369
45-49	30,157	15,113	15,045
50-54	33,822	16,706	17,116
55-59	33,828	16,565	17,263
60-64	30,257	14,600	15,657
65-69	24,294	11,674	12,621
70-74	16,609	7,853	8,755
75-79	11,374	5,107	6,268
80-84	8,362	3,463	4,899
85 +	9,844	3,257	6,587
TOTAL	484,500	239,916	244,584

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management, Postcensal estimates, 2014

Distribution of Population by Age and Sex Spokane County, 2014



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Language Spoken At Home by Ability (Count)

Speak only English	446,503
Speak English less than "very well"	14,564
Russian	3,731
Spanish or Spanish Creole	2,785
Vietnamese	1,218
Other Slavic Languages	927
Chinese	787
Arabic	709
Other Pacific Island Languages	685
African Languages	603
Korean	504
Tagalog	482
Serbo-Croatian	329
Other Indic Languages	304
German	282
Other Indo-European Languages	229
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	196
Japanese	163
Persian	136
Hmong	106
Thai	81
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	63
Italian	40
Other Asian Languages	36
Hindi	34
Scandinavian Languages	27
Other Native North American Languages	26
Hebrew	20
Polish	16
Other West Germanic Languages	14
French Creole	12
Hungarian	12
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	7

Source U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011-2013, Table B16001

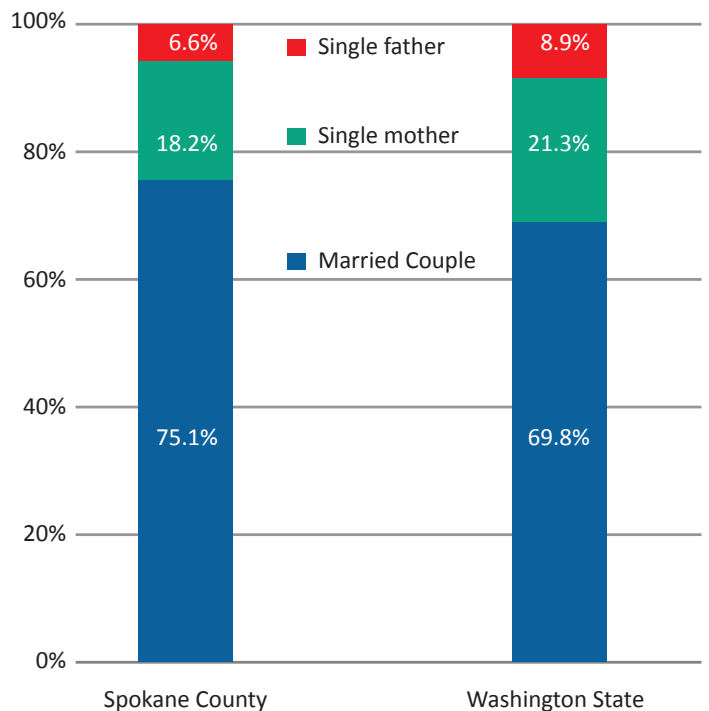
FAMILY STRUCTURE

Households by Type, Spokane County, 2013

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	186,456	100%
Family households (families)	114,660	61.5%
<i>with own children under 18 yrs</i>	47,842	41.7%
Married-couple families	86,147	75.1%
<i>with own children under 18 yrs</i>	31,416	36.5%
Female householder, no husband present	20,904	18.2%
<i>with own children under 18 yrs</i>	12,339	59.0%
Male householder, no wife present	7,609	6.6%
<i>with own children under 18 yrs</i>	4,087	53.7%
Non-family households	71,796	38.5%
Householder living alone	55,684	77.6%
<i>65 years and older</i>	17,990	32.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013. Table DP02

Families with Children Younger than 18 Years of Age by Household Type, 2013



Source: Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013

EDUCATION

Educational Attainment among Adults 25 Years of Age or Older, 2013

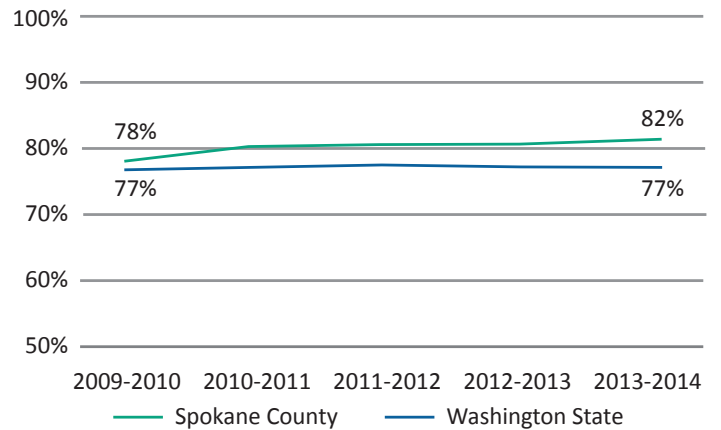
	Spokane County	WA State
Population 25 years of age or older	320,633 (319,631-321,635) 100%	100%
Less than ninth grade	6,059 (4,824-7,294) 1.9%	4.0%
Ninth-12th grade, no diploma	20,195 (17,738-22,652) 6.3%	5.9%
High school graduate/GED	86,764 (82,108-91,420) 27.1%	23.3%
Some college, no degree	86,385 (82,200-90,570) 26.9%	24.6%
Associate's degree	35,233 (32,367-38,099) 11.0%	9.5%
Bachelor's degree	55,815 (51,978-59,652) 17.4%	20.9%
Graduate or professional degree	30,182 (27,500-32,864) 9.4%	11.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013

High School Completion in Spokane County

Among students who began ninth grade, 81.6% graduated from high school on time during the 2013/2014 school year. Another 8.2% of this class continued in high school beyond the traditional graduation date and completed high school in the extended time period. Statewide, 77.2% of students graduated on time. Spokane County had a small increase in on time graduation from high school, while the proportion statewide was stable. More information about the education system and student performance is available from the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction at reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us.

On Time High School Graduation



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EMPLOYMENT

There were 227,746 individuals 16 years of age or older who were in the labor force in Spokane County in 2013. Of those 16 years of age or older, 8.0% were unemployed, 1% were in the Armed Forces, and the remaining 91.3% were in the civilian labor force. Statewide, the workforce employment was similar; 7.8% unemployed, 1.4% in the Armed Forces, and 90.8% in the civilian labor force. Unemployed individuals are defined as individuals who used an active method of looking for work in the last four weeks, and do not include those who are retired, disabled, or students.

Among the civilian labor force, more than three-quarters were private wage and salary workers (78.0%). Government workers accounted for 15.7% of the labor force and 6.0% were self-employed.

Occupation of the Civilian-Employed Population 16 Years of Age or Older, 2013

	Estimate	Percent	Confidence Interval	WA State Percent
Total	207,821	100%		
Management, business, science and arts occupations	73,068	35.2%	(33.3-37.1)	38.5%
Sales and office occupations	56,602	27.2%	(25.3-29.1)	17.5%
Service occupations	37,897	18.2%	(16.7-19.7)	23.0%
Production, transportation and material moving occupations	24,567	11.8%	(10.7-12.9)	9.4%
Natural resources, construction and maintenance occupations	15,687	7.5%	(6.6-8.4)	11.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013

Compared to Washington state, Spokane County had a higher proportion of workers in sales and office occupations; and production, transportation and material moving occupations. Spokane County had a lower proportion of workers in management, business, science and arts occupations; service occupations; and natural resources, construction and maintenance occupations.

Industry of the Civilian-Employed Population 16 Years of Age or Older, 2013

	Estimate	Percent Spokane County	Confidence Interval	Percent WA State
Total	207,821	100%		
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	53,371	25.7%	(24.1-27.3)	21.5%
Retail trade	25,248	12.1%	(10.6-13.6)	12.0%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	21,989	10.6%	(9.4-11.8)	12.1%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	21,460	10.3%	(9.2-11.4)	9.4%
Manufacturing	16,386	7.9%	(6.8-9.0)	10.7%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	15,216	7.3%	(6.4-8.2)	5.6%
Construction	11,720	5.6%	(4.7-6.5)	5.9%
Public administration	10,648	5.1%	(4.4-5.8)	5.1%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	10,251	4.9%	(4.1-5.7)	4.8%
Other services, except public administration	9,607	4.6%	(3.9-5.3)	5.0%
Wholesale trade	6,118	2.9%	(2.2-3.6)	3.0%
Information	3,601	1.7%	(1.3-2.1)	2.4%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	2,206	1.1%	(0.7-1.5%)	2.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013

INCOME AND POVERTY

Estimates of median household income are based on 2000 Census data, and on the Census Bureau’s American Community Surveys’ estimates for 2006-2010. These model-based estimates may differ from other median household income data developed from the Office of Financial Management’s State Population Survey, Bureau of the Census estimates, or other sources. Survey data, which are subject to sampling variability and errors, are not necessarily more accurate than the estimate data.

Estimates of median household money income for the inter- and post-Census years are based on the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) personal income data and the estimates of household characteristics, at the county level. For 2006-2011: The median household income estimates are anchored upon ACS estimates wherever available.

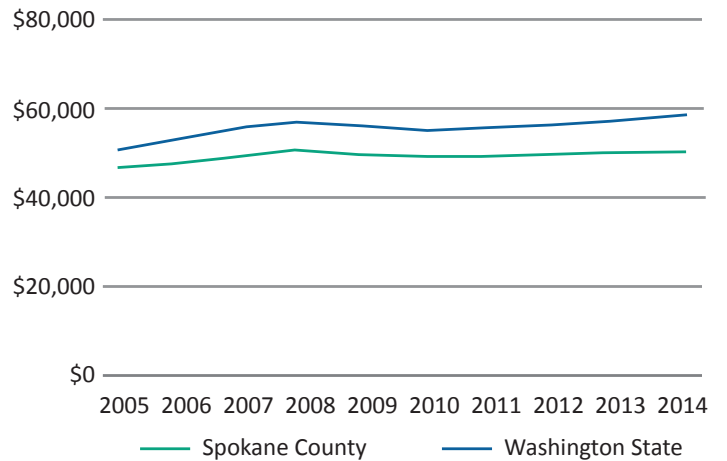
The projected median household income in Spokane County for 2014 was \$50,228 compared to \$58,686 statewide. The projected 2014 median household income is the highest in the last decade. In 2013, approximately one in six individuals (17.1%) in the county lived below 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and 36.6% lived below 200% FPL. The proportion of Spokane County residents living in poverty (below 200% FPL) was significantly higher than the statewide proportion (31.1%).

Median Household Income Estimates

	Spokane County	WA State
2005	44,538	50,004
2006	45,753	53,522
2007	47,848	56,141
2008	48,876	57,858
2009	46,983	55,458
2010	46,320	54,888
2011	46,846	55,500
2012	48,265	56,444
2013 Preliminary estimate	49,237	57,554
2014 Projection	50,228	58,686

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management, March 6, 2015

Median Household Income Over Time



Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management, March 6, 2015

Population Living at or Below Various Federal Poverty Levels (FPL), 2013

	Percent Spokane County	Percent WA State
100% FPL	17.1%	18.3%
125% FPL	22.9%	22.7%
185% FPL	34.3%	28.6%
200% FPL	36.6%	31.1%
300% FPL	55.1%	47.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013. Table B17002

Individuals Living at or Below 100% FPL by Age Group, 2013

	Percent Spokane County	Confidence Interval	Percent WA State
<18 Years	20.0%	(16.7-23.3)	18.8%
18-64 Years	18.5%	(17.0-20.0)	13.8%
65+ Years	6.8%	(5.2-8.4)	8.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013. Table S1701

Individuals Within Race and Hispanic Ethnicity Categories Living at or Below 100% FPL, 2009-2013

	Percent Spokane County	Confidence Interval	Percent WA State
Total all races	15.4%	(14.9-15.9)	13.2%
White	14.0%	(13.5-14.5)	11.6%
Black	35.3%	(27.5-43.1)	25.0%
AIAN	28.6%	(21.9-35.3)	26.4%
Asian	20.5%	(15.4-25.6)	12.1%
NHOPI	38.0%	(19.6-56.4)	16.5%
Some other races	32.9%	(25.0-40.8)	31.4%
Hispanic ethnicity	26.3%	(22.7-29.9)	27.1%

AIAN=American Indian/Alaska Native
NHOPI=Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009-2013. Table S1701

Families with Children Living at or Below 100% FPL, Spokane County, 2013

	Percent Spokane County	Confidence Interval	Percent WA State
All Families	18.4%	(15.4-21.4)	15.5%
Married Couple Families	9.3%	(6.6-12.0)	7.3%
Single Mothers	40.0%	(32.5-47.5)	39.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013. Table S1702



COST OF BASIC NEEDS

The SRHD publication *Facing Spokane Poverty (2002)* details an approach to measuring poverty by examining the cost of basic needs in our community. Because poverty remains a concern in our community, SRHD updated the cost of basic needs information. The same methodology and sources of information were used as those detailed in *Facing Spokane Poverty (2002)*. The cost of basic needs is based on a family of four consisting of two parents between 20 to 50 years of age and two children, one, four to five years of age, and one, six to eight years of age. The total basic needs costs equate to 180% FPL for a household of four in 2013.

Food costs are estimated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and are available by age group and four food plans (www.cnpp.usda.gov). This analysis used the low-cost food plan as a sustainable measure of basic food needs and assumed that all meals and snacks were purchased at a store and prepared at home. Food costs for a family of four in December 2014 were \$869.77 per month.

Utility costs were a combination of energy and telephone services. Telephone service was based on the basic plan with no additional amenities. According to CenturyLink, a plan with basic telephone service in Spokane for 2014 starts at \$35.00 per month. Energy costs were updated using a cost of living calculator from the American Institute for Economic Research (www.aier.org). Energy costs increased to \$118, reflecting cost-of-living increases.

Housing cost was based on a two-bedroom apartment in Spokane County. According to Spokane/Kootenai Real Estate Research Committee, Spokane County Apartment Market, the average rent rate for a two-bedroom apartment in Spokane County was \$702 in 2013.

Transportation costs were based on a family having one older car and using public transportation. An assumption was made that there was no car payment. Only one child bus pass was accounted for since children six years and younger ride free. The cost of gas was calculated for driving 20 miles per day at 20 miles per gallon at \$3.74 per gallon for gasoline in June 2014*. The cost for insurance was based on only having liability coverage for a 1994 car. A minimal amount of maintenance was also allotted.

Cost per Month for Basic Needs for a Family of Four, Spokane County, 2014

Food	\$870
Housing	\$702
Utilities	\$153
Transportation	\$262
Childcare	\$1,088
Health care	\$212
Personal and household expenses	\$330
Total	\$3,617

Cost per Month by Age for a Low-Cost Food Budget, Spokane County, 2014

Child	1 year	\$ 129.10
	2-3 years	\$ 133.70
	4-5 years	\$ 138.20
	6-8 years	\$ 197.20
	9-11 years	\$ 209.00
Male	12-13 years	\$ 240.30
	14-18 years	\$ 243.20
	19-50 years	\$ 243.70
	51-70 years	\$ 229.50
	71+ years	\$ 228.20
Female	12-13 years	\$ 206.90
	14-18 years	\$ 208.10
	19-50 years	\$ 211.60
	51-70 years	\$ 205.60
	71+ years	\$ 204.50

Family of Four* **\$ 869.77**

Source: United States Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

* www.spokanegasprices.com

* 10% added as a family size adjustment

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Childcare cost was reported by ChildCare Aware of Washington Family Center. The information reported for Spokane County for child care cost identifies two children (one pre-school child 2 ½ to 5 years of age and one school age child >6 years of age), in a family of four. The cost for childcare refers to the average rates for a network center.

Health insurance was evaluated and calculated expecting a family of four (two adults, two children) to live below 200% of FPL in 2014 with no health insurance offered by their employer.*

Personal and household expenses were calculated as 10% of the cost per month for basic needs for a family of four in Spokane County.

Cost Per Month for Basic Transportation, Spokane County, 2014

Adult bus pass	\$45
Children's bus pass	\$30
Liability insurance	\$45
Gasoline	\$112
Maintenance	\$30
Total	\$262

Average Cost per Month for Childcare, Spokane County, 2012

	Childcare Center	Home Childcare
Infant	\$793	\$624
Toddler	\$680	\$559
Preschool	\$624	\$533
School-Age	\$464	\$433

Source: Washington State Child Care Resource and Referral Network

* Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) provides health and dental insurance through the Apple Health program. Eligibility for Apple coverage is based on income as compared the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Options for Apple Health coverage in Spokane County for a family of four living at 165% FPL were identified using the health insurance exchange at www.wahealthplanfinder.org. Monthly premiums varied depending on coverage options. Expenses for basic needs for health care were calculated using a monthly premium for a family plan with a low deductible and low co-pay, two outpatient visits per person with an estimated co-pay of \$5, two prescriptions per person with an estimated co-pay of \$5, and meeting the annual deductible for the family of \$500.

HOUSING

In 2013, there were an estimated 204,343 housing units in Spokane County. Of those, 8.8% were vacant. The majority of occupied housing was owner-occupied (61.9%), while the remaining housing units (38.1%) were renter-occupied. Most occupied housing had complete plumbing and kitchen facilities; 0.2% lacked plumbing and 0.9% lacked kitchen facilities.

Approximately 16% of housing units were built in 2000 or later. A similar percentage of housing units were built in 1939 or earlier. Spokane County has a higher proportion of older housing compared to statewide that has a higher proportion of newer houses.

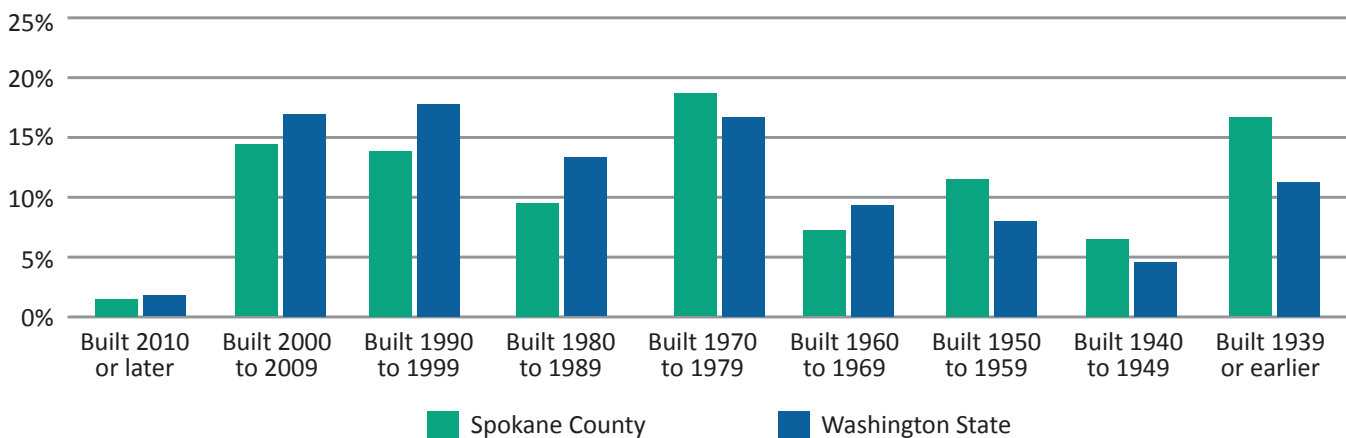
City of Spokane Community, Housing and Human Services reported that the 2014 one-day count of homeless individuals in Spokane County identified 1,149 individuals, which is a decrease from 2012. Of those counted, 39% were individuals in families with children.

Year Housing Units were Built, Spokane County, 2013

	Estimate	Percent Spokane County	Confidence Interval	Percent WA State
Total housing units	204,343	100%		100%
Built 2010 or later	2,833	1.4%	(1.0-1.8)	1.9%
Built 2000 to 2004	29,547	14.5%	(13.1-15.9)	17.0%
Built 1990 to 1999	28,407	13.9%	(12.9-14.9)	17.8%
Built 1980 to 1989	19,279	9.4%	(8.4-10.4)	13.2%
Built 1970 to 1979	38,560	18.9%	(17.4-20.4)	16.9%
Built 1960 to 1969	14,473	7.1%	(6.2-8.0)	9.4%
Built 1950 to 1959	23,560	11.5%	(10.5-12.5)	8.0%
Built 1940 to 1949	13,399	6.6%	(5.8-7.4)	4.8%
Built 1939 or earlier	34,285	16.8%	(15.5-18.1)	11.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013

Age of Housing Stock as of 2013



House Heating Fuel in Occupied Housing, Spokane County, 2013

	Estimate	Percent Spokane County	Confidence Interval	Percent WA State
Total	186,456	100%		100%
Utility gas	92,862	49.8%	(48.2-51.4)	34.9%
Bottled, tank or liquefied petroleum gas	2,249	1.2%	(0.8-1.6)	3.0%
Electricity	75,815	40.7%	(39.2-42.2)	54.3%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	4,394	2.4%	(1.9-2.9)	2.3%
Wood	7,744	4.2%	(3.5-4.9)	4.3%
Other fuel	3,095	1.7%	(1.1-2.3)	0.6%
No fuel used	297	0.2%	(0.1-0.3)	0.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013



COMMUNITY

Many factors within a community can impact the well-being of its residents. Some of those are listed below. They include factors which influence a sense of safety, social and family support, and meeting basic needs.

Crime: In 2013, there were 31,490 crimes in Spokane County that were reported to law enforcement; a rate of 65.6 crimes per 1,000 residents. The majority of those were property crimes.

More information about crime can be found at:

- City of Spokane
spokanegis.org/crimemap2/
- Spokane County
maps.spokanecounty.org/
- City of Spokane Valley
spokanevalley.org/content/77/375/default.aspx

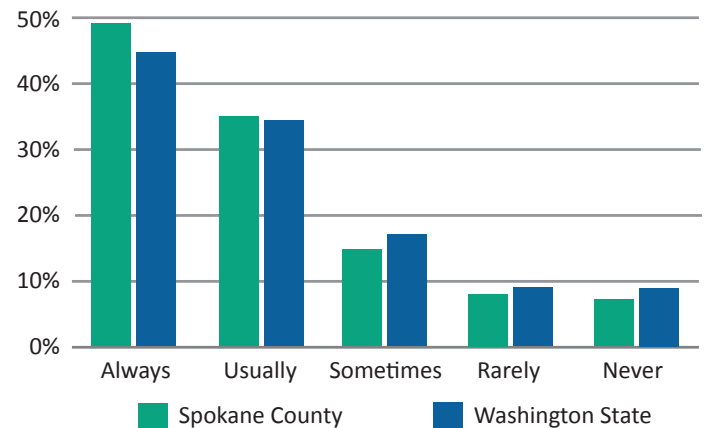
Childcare Subsidy: In 2013, there were 10,936 individuals in Spokane County who received subsidy payments for Washington State Department of Social and Health Services' Working Connections Child Care program. This program provides childcare assistance to eligible families who require childcare to participate in approved Washington State WorkFirst activities, maintaining employment, or attending trainings. A total of \$15,643,267 was spent on this program; \$1,430 per recipient.

Crime in Spokane County, 2013

Crime	Count	Percent Spokane County
Total	30,475	100%
Violent Crime		
Total	1,988	6.3%
Murder	17	0.1%
Rape	162	0.5%
Robbery	653	2.1%
Aggravated Assault	1,156	3.7%
Property Crime		
Total	29,502	93.7%
Arson	81	0.3%
Burglary	5,984	19.0%
Larceny	20,214	64.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,223	10.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013. Table B17002

Frequency of Receiving Needed Emotional Support among Adults, 2012



Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2012

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